

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the following claims which are pending in the present application:

1. (Currently Amended) A connection for audio transfer, the connection comprising:
 - (a) a first cable for operative connection to a first audio reproduction device, the first audio reproduction device including an audio player;
 - (b) a first connector at an end of the first cable remote from the first audio reproduction device;
 - (c) a second cable for operative connection to a second audio reproduction device;
 - (d) a second connector at an end of the second cable remote from the second audio reproduction device;
 - (e) the first connector being able to operatively connect with the second connector to enable audio transfer from the audio player to the second audio reproduction device, and to operatively connect with a host for audio transfer between the host and the audio player,

wherein the first audio reproduction device and the second audio reproduction device are mutually engaged with one another.

2. (Original) A connection for audio transfer as claimed in claim 1, wherein the audio player is an MP3 player.

3. (Original) A connection for audio transfer as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first and second audio reproduction devices are each selected from the group of: an earpiece of a headphone set, and a speaker.

4. (Original) A connection for audio transfer as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first connector is a male connector and the second connector is a female connector.

5. (Original) A connection for audio transfer as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first connector is a female connector and the second connector is a male connector.

6. (Original) A connection for audio transfer as claimed in claim 4, wherein the first connector is a USB connector and the second connector is a USB port.

7. (Original) A connection for audio transfer as claimed in claim 4, wherein the first connector is an IEEE 1394 connector and the second connector is an IEEE 1394 port.

8. (Original) A connection for audio transfer as claimed in claim 5, wherein the first connector is a USB port and the second connector is a USB connector.

9. (Original) A connection for audio transfer as claimed in claim 5, wherein the first connector is an IEEE 1394 port and the second connector is an IEEE 1394 connector.

10. (Original) A connection for audio transfer as claimed in claim 1, wherein the host is a computer.

11. (Original) A connection for audio transfer as claimed in claim 1, wherein a controller of the audio player determines an operating mode based on a power supply detected.

12. (Original) A connection for audio transfer as claimed in claim 11, wherein the operating mode is one of: download, upload, and play.

13. (Original) A connection for audio transfer as claimed in claim 11, wherein the power supply is one of: batteries, and power from the host.

14. (Currently amended) An audio reproduction device comprising:

(a) a first audio reproduction device including an audio player;

(b) a second audio reproduction device;

(c) a cable operatively connecting the first audio reproduction device and the second audio reproduction device;

(d) the cable being split into a first cable and a second cable with a first connector and a second connector respectively;

(e) the first connector being able to operatively connect with the second connector to enable audio transfer from the audio player to the second audio reproduction device, and to operatively connect with a host for audio transfer between the host and the audio player,

wherein the first audio reproduction device and the second audio reproduction device are mutually engaged with one another.

15. (Original) An audio reproduction device as claimed in claim 14, wherein the audio player is an MP3 player.

16. (Original) An audio reproduction device as claimed in claim 14, wherein the first and second audio reproduction devices are each selected from the group consisting of: an earpiece of a headphone set, and a speaker.

17. (Original) An audio reproduction device as claimed in claim 14, wherein the first connector is a male connector and the second connector is a female connector.

18. (Original) An audio reproduction device as claimed in claim 14, wherein the first connector is a female connector and the second connector is a male connector.

19. (Original) An audio reproduction device as claimed in claim 17, wherein the first connector is a USB connector and the second connector is a USB port.

20. (Original) An audio reproduction device as claimed in claim 17, wherein the first connector is an IEEE 1394 connector and the second connector is an IEEE 1394 port.

21. (Original) An audio reproduction device as claimed in claim 18, wherein the first connector is a USB port and the second connector is a USB connector.

22. (Original) An audio reproduction device as claimed in claim 18, wherein the first connector is an IEEE 1394 port and the second connector is an IEEE 1394 connector.

23. (Original) An audio reproduction device as claimed in claim 15, wherein the first and second audio reproduction devices are each selected from the group consisting of: an earpiece of a headphone set, and a speaker.

24. (Original) An audio reproduction device as claimed in claim 14, wherein the host is a computer.

25. (Original) An audio reproduction device as claimed in claim 14, wherein a controller determines an operating mode based on a power supply detected.

26. (Original) An audio reproduction device as claimed in claim 25, wherein the operating mode is one of: download, upload, and play.

27. (Original) An audio reproduction device as claimed in claim 25, wherein the power supply is one of: batteries, and power from the host.